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Clan Henderson Society of the United States and Canada

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During the past few months your commissioners have been working to gather the clan throughout North America. They are asking members in their regions and near the Games and Festivals to serve the clan and region as convenors for a particular event.

It is not an easy task to build the leadership team in each region. I appreciate the challenge and believe that I might be able to assist by using this front page of An Canach to explain some of the workings of Clan Henderson. Please read the entire article—as an incentive, I'll introduce you to the laddie at the bottom of this page.

Unlike other volunteer organizations, Clan Henderson is a very personal, family organization. Many of us joined looking for our ancestors—I did—and I still expect that one day at a gathering, a visitor will stop at the Henderson tent, figure that \$10.00 for dues is money well spent, and react promptly to Cousin Horace's request for family information. I know that when Horace sees Joseph Barton Henderson listed on this new member's pedigree he will call me immediately even if it is 2:00 a.m. He regularly connects other families and I look forward to his call.

Think of it! You are helping in the tent when a visitor mentions THE ancestor. . . —then again, it might never happen because when your commissioner asked for help, you were "too busy," "didn't know how," or, "didn't know anything about the clan."

Ten years ago we were all novices. As the original members became further involved, we became comfortable and stayed involved. We developed the Convenors Handbook to explain the organization, to help in convening an event, and to provide some information about the family so that you, as a new convenor, would be prepared to talk about Clan Henderson.

I remember the first time I set up a Henderson tent—I've been a Scout and Scouter most of my life but I forgot a hammer to drive the stakes into the

ground. That wasn't all I did wrong that day, which made being alone not such a bad thing.

Why did I do it? Why did I continue to do it after such a miserable start? Mostly, because I had fun, and I planned on finding my ancestor. I also began to meet a lot of interesting kin and to learn more than has ever been known about this large family of Hendersons.

As the clan grew, we all learned that it is important and fun to become a family at a local level, and that we need to know each other and to care what happens to each other, because we are Hendersons. We are not an unfeeling impersonal society. Understanding the need to be strong locally, we first developed the regional structure and worked with the commissioners to develop a staff of local convenors with their own committees to prepare for gatherings of Hendersons, probably at a Highland Games, Scottish Festival or Scottish event.

A convenor is a regional officer and a representative of the clan who volunteers time and money to be involved in this gathering of Hendersons and their ancestors. It is an important job with its joys (I may put a bounty on my ancestor's daddy), time and some expense.

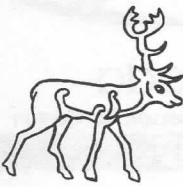
Why do we ask you to get involved when your commissioner is "doing it?" Why do we ask you to spend your money to do the clan's work? Because this is a family organization which asks for only \$10.00 dues each year—it would take over 3000 dues-paying member families to be able to support paying for all of the gatherings. With your help, we'll be able to gather the Hendersons. Please call your commissioner (page 23) and volunteer to help him or her.

Here is the laddie who sits on my computer. Known as MacIan, he inspires me and in his column he will offer advice to help you gather the Clan.



Clan Mail

Payson, AZ



Dear Cousin,

Enclosed you will find our dues for the 97-98 year. We enjoy reading *An Canach* very much. We have been going to the games in Arizona now for only two years, but the appreciation we have is worth more than any amount of money can buy. My children brag to their other cousins about the things they see. Thank you very much for all that you do.

Paty Henderson

Ed. Thanks for the note, hope to see you at the games in Mesa next Feb.

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Thank you for the very informative and enjoyable Quarterly [sic, *An Canach*]. My check for 1997 is enclosed

Margaret Hannon

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Our mailing list is maintained by the Clan Secretary and changes should be submitted directly to him.

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Fayetteville, TN

Dear Horace,

I enjoyed the article in the Jan 1997 newsletter about the destroyer USS Henderson. I was a new bride during that time waiting for my husband, Pershing Wilson, exec officer aboard the USS Gurke to return. Traveled from Fla to San Diego, San Francisco, living in huts in ship yards. It was an exciting time.

Sincerely,

Lillian Henderson Wilson

Ed. Thanks for sharing a bit of those times. Lillian sent copies of several clippings about her husband's ship.

Panama City, FL

Sorry, Russ

Still no connection for your ancestor, but I'll keep watch, if only everyone would send in their family information . . .

Horace

Cleveland, OH

Suggest we have a standard box in each issue of *An Canach* about dues. Like how much, how they apply to a family, when they should be renewed, and where they should be sent.

Doug

Ed. OK, let's give it a try. Doug was inspired by a letter from one of his regional families asking for information. It is time to make the issue of dues and dues renewal important again.



Now that you know all about the dues,
isn't this a great time of year?

Sons and daughters, nieces and nephews, grandsons and granddaughters have perhaps graduated in the Class of 1997.



Give them their very own membership in the
Clan Henderson Society.

Heritage was their past, now it is their future.

The Do's and Don't's of Dues

Clan Henderson dues are
US \$10 per year per family
CDN \$12 per year per family
(Family includes Henderson and spouse and children under 18)



Your year begins when you join.
While there are no
Life Memberships,
you may pay for several years at a
time —please advise the purpose
of your overpayment.

While you should be receiving a
renewal postcard each year, it is
quite correct for you
to send in your dues without it.

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For Members who wish to enroll
other members of their family
(e.g., parents, grown children)

Please contact your
Regional Commissioner
for a membership application.

The completed application

may be sent to
the Commissioner
or directly to

Harry J. Keifer
Secretary
4511 Ridgeland Drive
Lilburn, GA 30247

Clan Henderson Annual General Meeting to be held at Fergus '97 8-10 August 1997

by John W. Henderson
Commissioner, Canadian Region

Fellow North Americans—Greetings! The Clan Henderson Annual General Meeting (AGM) at Fergus Ontario, Canada, is fast approaching and will occur on the 8-10 August. We have no less than 50 rooms reserved at the Comfort Inn in Guelph but hurry to reserve before they're all gone. The cut off date is 8 July 1997 to get in on our excellent Clan deal at \$70 Canadian per night, including two continental breakfasts each morning.

Friday

It will be a fun filled weekend in the beautiful old town of Fergus, about an hour north west of the Pearson International Airport at Toronto. The gates of the festival actually open at about 1 pm on Friday but our first official event will be the Tattoo in the evening at 7:45pm. There will be a torch lighting ceremony at the tattoo where Cairns Henderson, our Canada East Convenor will light the torch.

Saturday, at the Games

On Saturday, the first clan event will be a short presentation ceremony in front of the Clan Henderson tents to which all are invited. We will then form up at 12:30 by the tents for the opening ceremonies set to begin at 1 pm. We want as many people as possible to walk with us in the ceremony so please help us show up the rest of the big clans, especially the Campbells who always have a large contingent. We are a featured Clan at the festival so Claude Henderson, our North American Chieftain, will be present on stage to take our salute.

Saturday evening

Saturday evening will have a dinner at the Royal Canadian Legion in Guelph. It is set to begin at 6 pm and will feature the attendance of Clan Elliot members in celebration of the ancient Confederation of Border Families that we have rekindled over

the past several years. The dinner will be buffet style to keep costs down for the Scots in all of us, and to allow us sufficient time to get ready for not one but two optional concerts (in different locations) back in Fergus. The resurgence of Celtic music into the pop culture of Canada has blessed us with the attendance of two excellent and popular bands. "Leahy" will be playing at 8:00 p.m., while "Rawlin's Cross" will commence at 9:00 p.m.

Sunday

Sunday is "Traditions Day" at the festival which focuses more on the cultural side of being a Scot. There is an optional breakfast at the arena on the festival site and then the optional "Kirkin' of the Tartan" at the Presbyterian Church at 10:00 am. Sunday will be more relaxed in nature so people can stroll about the large festival at a leisurely pace and enjoy themselves. We are however planning to have one of our traditional "Clan Henderson Walkabouts" that we have become famous for in the United States. Pipers—bring your pipes, and drummers—bring your drums. The clan will form up behind you and we will march about the festival grounds and make sure everyone knows the Hendersons are here en masse!

There is plenty to do for all at the Fergus Scottish Festival with many historical demonstrations (See you there Xavier!), and there are even many activities to keep children interested and occupied. Of course there is a huge selection of Scottish vendors, food, books, crafts and anything else you can think of.

Many Clan members have never done much more than receive their newsletters in the past. It's time to take advantage of your status as a clan member and attend the best festival in the world!

We have been reminding you to make your plans to come to Fergus, 8-10 August 1997. Rooms are arranged and the Games Committee has made commitments for our presence.

Clan Henderson will be staying at the Comfort Inn in the city of Guelph, Ontario, about 10 minutes from Fergus. There may be only a few rooms left the day you read this information, so you can expect to have to do some extra work finding a place to stay now that you have decided to attend the Games and the AGM.

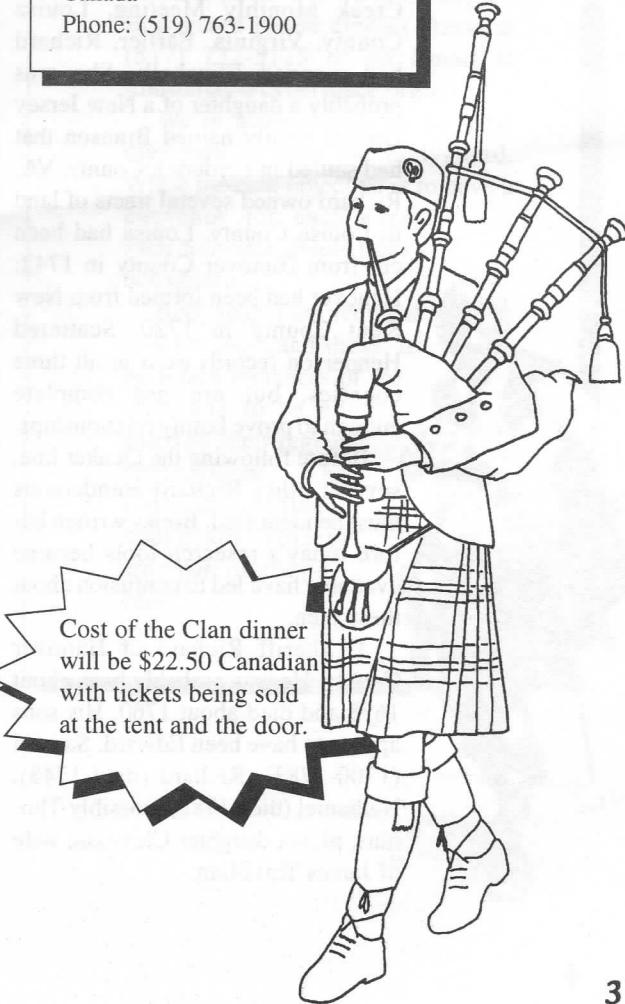
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Richard Henderson, The Quaker

by Carol Wells

In recent issues of An Canach, L.D. Bass Jr. wrote about Hendersons of Mecklenburg County in the hopes, he stated, that his writing would get others to share their research, ideas, and best guesses on family lines.

With this same purpose, I am writing about Richard Henderson, the Quaker. Because of scarcity of reliable records, I have struggled many years to reconstruct his family. They had the misfortune of living in county after county in which courthouses were destroyed by war or fire. Here, then, are my ideas, research, and best guesses. To achieve a complete and correct family tree will take the work of many people. I ask for help.

Quaker records about Richard Henderson start in 1748 when he was accepted into membership at Camp Creek Monthly Meeting, Louisa County, Virginia. Earlier, Richard had married Elizabeth. She was probably a daughter of a New Jersey Quaker family named Branson that had settled in Frederick County, VA. Richard owned several tracts of land in Louisa County. Louisa had been cut from Hanover County in 1742; Hanover had been formed from New Kent County in 1720. Scattered Henderson records exist in all three counties, but are not complete enough to prove family relationships.

Before following the Quaker line, several other Richard Hendersons must be identified. Books written before today's research tools became available have led to confusion about these men.

1. Sheriff Richard of Hanover County. He was probably born about 1675 and died about 1760. His sons appear to have been Edward, Samuel (1700-1783), Richard (died 1748), Nathaniel (died 1782), possibly Thomas, plus a daughter Christian, wife of James Travillian.

2. Richard, probably son of Sheriff Richard, died in Goochland in 1748; his wife Henrietta died 1749 in Cumberland (cut from Goochland 1748/9). They left only minor children whose names were Samuel, Nathan who apparently died in childhood, James, Mary, and Henrietta.

3. Richard (died 1818) lived in Rockingham County, NC, had wife Elizabeth, and children John, Richard, William, Sarah, Thomas, Joseph, Samuel, Mary, Bennett, and Elizabeth. Richard may have had a first wife named Anne, and he may have been a son of Nathaniel who died 1782 in Craven District, SC, after having lived in Goochland, VA, and Granville, NC; an unidentified Richard is named in Nathaniel's will.

4. Richard who died 1818, son of John and Sarah (Brockman) Henderson; Richard, of Orange and Albemarle counties, VA, carried Margaret Brockman and had sons William, Ambrose, and Bennett.

5. Richard born 26 April 1738, died 1785. He was a son of Samuel, probable son of Sheriff Richard; this is the lawyer and judge about whom much has been written.

In this group of eighteenth century Virginia Richard Hendersons we find #6 Richard, the Quaker. He was probably born between 1710 and 1715. It is likely that his father was William Henderson who probably was a brother of sheriff Richard. The sheriff's land was on North Anna River waters. William had Hanover land, as well as a 1733 patent of 400 acres on South Anna River which fell into Louisa county when that county was cut from Hanover. William died on his 400 acres in 1745. Only one

fragment remains of William's will and the settlement of his estate. Richard Henderson was one of the executors; the other was Theophilus Watson Sr., the father of Thomas who was born 1684, and was brother-in-law of Quaker Richard. Elderly Theophilus was probably appointed executor to watch over Richard Henderson whose business sense was less than exact; the fragment shows that Richard could not provide vouchers for some of his expenditures of William's estate money; the court decided Richard's accounts were probably true, and his financial statement was admitted to record. Richard lived on Cub Creek near William and appears to have been William's only son in Louisa county. Son William lived in Goochland and son Thomas had died, leaving heirs.

Names of William's three sons-in-law were listed: James Pyrant, Thomas Watson, and Lawrence Redman. Half of William's property was inherited by son William who sold the land and moved first to Albemarle county, later to Amherst. I believe he was related to Obediah Henderson who, with wife Judah (widow of Jeremiah Cook of Hanover County) moved to Edgefield County, SC, buying land on Cuffeetown Creek where the Quaker family settled; later moving to present McCormick County. The other half of William's land is found in possession of Joseph East; did it fall to Thomas's widow, and did she then marry Joseph East? What Henderson heirs did Thomas leave? What part, if any, of William's estate fell to Richard? Any record of William's land in Hanover or

Richard's sale of such land has long been destroyed.

Within two or three years of William's death, Richard became a Quaker. He followed the Branson family to Orange County, NC, where he was granted 448 acres in 1750. In 1755 Thomas Branson assigned 640 acres to Richard Henderson. Richard and Elizabeth's first eight children were born before 1755; the others after 1755. Sons William and Nathaniel were married in Orange County; a somewhat cryptic idea in Quaker minutes suggests that son John married Rachel Thornton. Marriages of Richard's other children were out of unity.

In 1769 Richard and Elizabeth sold their Orange County land and moved to Edgefield, SC, buying 200 acres on Cuffeetown Creek from John Scott in 1771. This land joined land already occupied by their son Thomas. They also had a grant of 150 acres from South Carolina. The Monthly Meeting was held in Newberry, SC. A trip to Newberry involved not only distance but also carriages. On a good road in fair weather a wagon could make about twenty miles a day; the arduous trip was not made often. Marriages contrary to discipline of Richard's other children appear to have been reported to Quaker authorities a year or two after the ceremony had taken place.

Children of Richard and Elizabeth were:

1. Hannah who married Ruston or Rushton. Information about this family is needed.

2. William married 1767 Ann Leakey. His niece Anne Holiday was his heir when he died in Edgefield in 1816.

3. Lidah/Lydia who married William Holliday. The division of William's estate in 1831 in Edgefield names their children.

4. Nathaniel who married 1762 Rebecca Thornton. Nathaniel died 1803 in Edgefield; most of this family moved to Ohio when Quakers took a stand against slavery. His son Nathaniel, born 1788, has been confused with others of the same name;

this son was not yet of age when he moved to Ohio in 1805 with his mother, as documented by Quaker minutes. Son Thomas married Margaret Grigsby and moved with his wife's family to Limestone County, Alabama. While Thomas's father was Nathaniel, he was not, as was later suggested, one of the Nathaniel Hendersons who fought in the American Revolution.

5. John who married ca 1789 Rachel. Interesting questions have arisen about this family; much work needs to be done to determine the families of John's three sons and seven daughters.

6. Thomas married about 1767 Elizabeth. This family went North with the Quakers.

7. Samuel never married.

8. Shadrack married about 1775 to Eleanor (probably Holliday). He had a large family, but only his son James has been proven. In 1798 Shadrack moved to Abbeville, SC, where he died before 1820, too poor to have much estate. Help is needed with this interesting line which apparently produced a governor, a judge, and many other distinguished men.

9. James married Eleanor. This is another puzzling family for which more research is needed.

10. Richard born 1761 married Rachel about 1781. A large family who, with many kinfolk, settled in Tallapoosa County, AL.

11. Nathan married about 1787 maybe a Haralson. Nathan's son Thomas, born 1795, married 1820 his cousin Cassandra, the daughter of Ely Henderson, son of John, son of Quaker Richard. This was not the only marriage of Henderson cousins. Early documentation is needed for other marriages.

12. Rachel maybe married Daniel English.

Descendants of Quaker Richard are widely scattered. Many persons who are still tracing their ancestral lines may find they are descended from Quaker Richard. I welcome their interest, help, questions, and differing ideas about how the family developed. Names of spouses need to

be determined, dates of marriages, names of later generations. No fact gleaned from old Bibles or documents is too trivial to be of importance. A treasured old deed may be the only record of a transaction now lost in a courthouse fire.

Let's share our facts and our best guesses.

Carol Wells, 607 Williams Avenue, Natchitoches, LA 71457.

Bodyguard Appointment

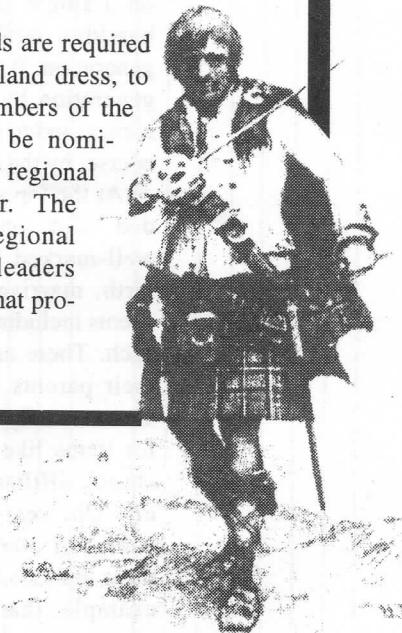
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Head of the Bodyguard

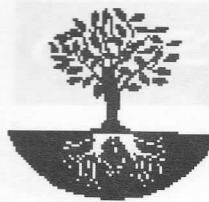
David C. Henderson of Johannesburg, Michigan has been appointed Regional Bodyguard Leader for the Great Lakes Region and is recruiting Bodyguard members in the states of that Region.

Any Clan member from the states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin desiring to become a member of the Great Lakes Region Bodyguard please contact David at (517) 732-3175 or on Email at <busman@cyberspace.org>.

We're always looking for new members to join the bodyguard. While the clan objective is to have a convenor for each event, each convenor should have a bodyguard.

Bodyguards are required to wear Highland dress, to be active members of the clan, and to be nominated by their regional commissioner. The state and regional bodyguard leaders are a part of that process.





Henderson ROOTS & TWIGS

by Dr. Horace Loftin, FSA Scot

Dear Cousins:

This little message is about that absolutely indispensable basic tool of genealogy - the family group sheet. Those old hands among you need read no further, because you use and depend on FGSs every day you do genealogical work. (I suspect you even think genealogy in FGS format.) But you who are new hands at genealogy just may profit from these words of explanation and advice on the subject.

Family group sheets are the way to keep your ever-growing piles of data in some semblance of order. Otherwise, chaos reigneth! Even genealogical software basically relies on the FGS format to perform its computerized wonders.

So what is a family group sheet? How do you use it?

You should have received a sample group sheet in your new member packet from Secretary Harry. (If you need one, just let me know.) Look at it. It's a sheet of paper all laid out to record basic data on a single family group—a husband/his wife/their kids—in one generation. It is tied to the previous generation by a place for parents' names; and to the next generation, of course, by the childrens' names.

At the top are two boxes, one for dad and one for mom, with well-marked blanks for recording birth, marriage, death, and burial events including date and locality for each. There are spaces for naming their parents. This much is basic. There usually are additional blanks for items like places of residence, church affiliation, military service etc. Oh, yes; and a place for the names of other spouses if any. (If there are kids by a second wife, for example, that requires a separate group sheet—because it's a different husband/wife/kids set.)

Below the dad/mom boxes are places for listing the children and their vital data, plus a line for the name of each child's spouse. And don't forget, there's a space provided for listing those very important, not-to-be omitted sources of the information included on the FGS.

And that basically is it! That's a family group sheet. Now, what's so great about it?

First and foremost, it's a tool for organizing your information. For each and every individual you deal with, there is a place on the FGS where each scrap of vital data fits in. (Another advantage is that you see at a glance what you don't know about an individual—an unfilled blank tells you, for example, that you still need to search for the birth place or date of John and Mary's son James.)

Group sheets serve to tie the data from different generations together in coherent form. Take John and Mary and their son James, for example. James grows up, marries and has kids of his own. So you create a brand new FGS for James, his wife and bairns—and another for the family of James' son, and on and on down the generations. Likewise, you move back in time to John and Mary's parents, grandparents, etc., a group sheet for each. Note that all the family groups can now be placed in proper generational order by following the track of husband/wife parents backward in time and their offspring forward in time. It really works!

Sounds complicated? Not really; the simplicity of the system is its greatest asset. Give it a try. You'll be hooked and wonder how you operated BFGS (before family group sheets).



Enough about mechanics of genealogy. The fun is in the search. I remember once sitting in a

graveyard-quiet genealogical library when all of a sudden an explosive "ah hah!" filled the room. All eyes turned on the perpetrator and a knowing smile lifted every face. Everyone knew he had found a missing fact!



While I was writing this piece, I had a call from cousin Beth Gay, that creative force at the Odom Genealogical Library who cuts, pastes and edits "The Family Tree" (among endless other things). She said some nice folks were at the Library looking through the Clan Henderson collection. (For those of you who don't know yet, there is a copy at the Odom Library of everything genealogical that comes to the Clan from its members.) They had the Clan number of a member who had sent in data on a line (old Greenville Henderson of GA). How could they find what was in the "Greenville" record?

I passed on the fairly complicated but straight-forward process for accessing the Henderson records, and specifically how to find old Greenville. After a while, the folks were reported to have said, "there must be an easier way!" To which I replied, "if you know one, please tell me!"

Alas, to do genealogy, one must have gobs of patience, time, honesty, fortitude and luck. There is no quick way, is there?

If you have not completed a Family Group Sheet, you might copy this one to help organize your family.

Even just one FGS with your family information and the names of your parents is important to the Clan Henderson genealogical data base. Please submit information now and then update it when new information becomes available.

Family Group Sheet

Enter Names: HENDERSON, Joseph Barton Enter Dates: 17 July 1878 Enter Places: Cornpropst Mills, Huntingdon Co., PA, USA
 Mark the child who is your ancestor in the column under "Sex."

HUSBAND (full name) _____

Born (date) _____ Place _____

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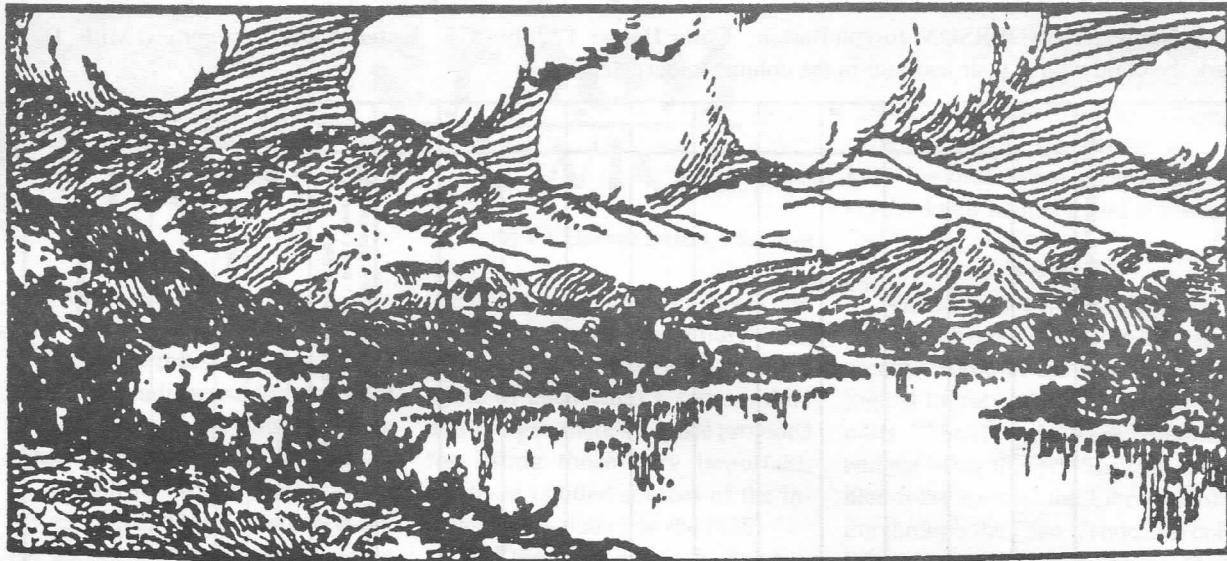
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES



Scottish Genealogical and Family History Societies

*For those of you who have found the boat aboard which your ancestor arrived,
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Fife Family History Society
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The Mitchell Library
North Street, Glasgow, G3 7DN.

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83 Buchandyke Road
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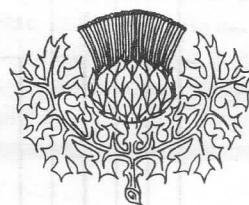
Other useful addresses:

Anglo-Scottish Family History
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Mrs M. Rhodes, Clayton House, 79
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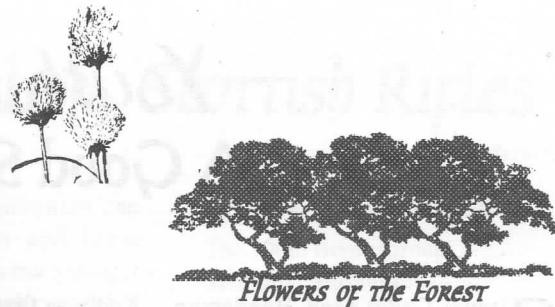
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Belfast
Northern Ireland, BT9 6NY.





Joanne Linker of Charlotte, North Carolina, spotted this wonderful photo of her mother **Anna Henderson Matthews**. She is shown with Charlotte Mayor Pat McCrory who visited with her on her 95th birthday. Anna lives Sharon Village, a retirement community in Charlotte. Anna's father, Robert Eugene Henderson, was a Mecklenburg County Commissioner in the 1920s.



Horace Loftin reports the passing of his cousin **Laura Helen Long**, a part of the large Clan family of Barnabas Henderson, early 1700s in Onslow County, North Carolina. This family stemmed from James Henderson of the Eastern Shore of Maryland in the 1660s, and who was the immigrant ancestor of many of our members.



MacStork

U.V. Henderson was reading the latest issue of *An Canach* when he realized that he had not reported the most recent addition to his branch of the clan. On 5 July 1996, his daughter Nancy Jones gave birth to **Sean Robert Jones**. Sean is a 12th generation descendant of James Henderson.

(Ed note: The whole letter was written to our Clan Genealogist, Dr.

Horace Loftin and rightfully so. It is just as important to record the new descendants as it is to find and record the ancestors. Your genealogy is a living activity.)

Julius and Kitty Henderson of Hazelhunt, Georgia, report the birth of their grandson, **Jonathan James Henderson** on 30 October 1996. The proud parents are Paul and Jackie Henderson of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He joins his siblings Julie, Joshua, Jared, Joseph, Jenson, and Jayme.

Helen O. Hunt of Greenville, South Carolina reports that her granddaughter Kelly and David W. Hunt welcomed **Benjamin Logan Hunt** on 30 May 1996. She also reports that granddaughter Jamie and James F. Casey welcomed **Jarman Thomas Casey** on 21 March 1996.

(Ed Note: We really enjoy sharing the happy times in our family lives with the Clan. Please send your news to Cousin Horace so he can record it—he will also forward any new membership applications so that all level of your family are members of the Clan and receiving *An Canach*.)

Thomas Sinclair Thyne Henderson was born on 19 January 1911 to Thomas and Helen Scott Thyne Henderson in Hawick, Scotland. He attended Merchiston Castle School in Edinburgh and Sedbergh School in England, and graduated from Queens College, Oxford University in 1933. In 1934 He married Barbara Joy Magnus. They later divorced. In 1965 he married Liz Dale.

Before World War II, Mr. Henderson worked in Hawick for Braemar Knitwear Ltd., the company founded by his grandfather, James Hender-

son. During and after the war he served with British Army Intelligence in England and Normandy, and later Washington D.C., where he taught intelligence techniques at the Pentagon. He received the Bronze Star from the U.S. Army for his service with American forces in France and Washington. After the war, he worked in Washington as an editor and publisher in his home business, and later as an estate analyst for Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. He was a member of the Sertoma Club and of the St. Andrews Society

of Washington, of which he was President in 1962-3. In 1965, he went to England to pursue graduate studies in linguistics at University College London. He taught at the University of Ottawa, Canada, until his retirement in 1976, when he returned to Britain. He died in a nursing home in Wollerton, Shropshire on September 16, 1976.

He is survived by his wife, of Worthen, Shropshire and by a son, Michael Magnus Thyne Henderson, of Lawrence, Kansas.

[See related story on page 17.]

Youth Activities

A Good Samaritan Story

Citadel Cadet (and Henderson cousin) John Felch, III, of Alexandria, Virginia, was one of four cadets honored by the state of South Carolina for their heroic actions on 18 January 1997, when they stopped to help a severely beaten young man in Charleston, South Carolina.

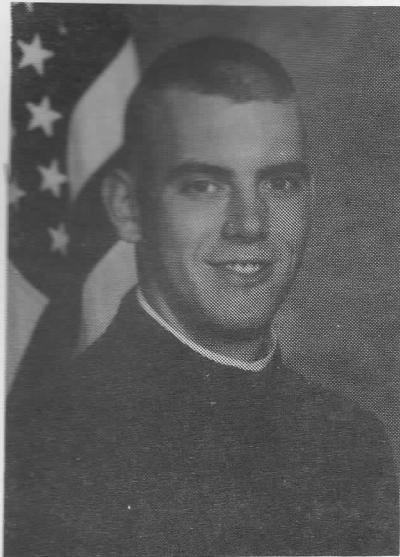
South Carolina Treasurer Richard Eckstrom presented the Palmetto Patriot Award to the four cadets in a ceremony at The Citadel's Summerall Chapel on 14 March 1997.

This honor has

been awarded to only three other people in South Carolina. The background details of that memorable January evening are worth retelling.

A Knob's idea of stress relief

The four newest Palmetto Patriots are members of the Class of 2000 (freshmen at the time of their heroic deed) at The Citadel. The life of a



John Felch, III

Knob, as first year cadets are called because of their close cropped haircuts, is one of constant pressure and stress. It is part of a leadership development process, proven successful over the 150-year history of The Citadel. However, it is one of those things that must be personally experienced to be understood and appreciated. Be-that-as-it-may, on Saturday, 18 January 1997, John and his three classmates sought a little relief from the rigors of knob life by visiting friends at the College of Charleston. Little did they know the level of stress they would experience that night.

Driving back to the College of Charleston from dinner, the four cadets and a female friend from the College of Charleston, came to an intersection and broke up a fight. There was a boy in the road and a group of his assailants ran off down an alley. The cadets chose to stop and offer assistance. The victim, who turned out to be only 16 years old, was badly beaten. At first, the cadets thought he may have been shot; it was that sort of area. As the boy slowly recovered, it became clear that he had not been shot. He was, however, dazed, bleeding, and barely coherent. With no phone in sight, the cadets offered to drive the boy to a hospital, to the police station, or home. He asked to be taken

home and provided directions to an even worse part of town. Now, Citadel cadets, in uniform, are rather conspicuous, especially in less reputable parts of Charleston. John and two other cadets walked the boy to his house down a long and narrow alley, while the other cadet stayed with the girl in the car. The small groups of loitering people certainly made the cadets nervous, but nothing else happened and everyone returned safely to their campus.

Far from the stress free evening they had wanted, the cadets encountered and conquered a level of fear that few of us ever experience. Faced with tough choices and great personal risk, these four Citadel men distinguished themselves by heroic actions in doing the right thing in a very dangerous situation.

Read Luke 10: 25-37. These cadets did not "pass by on the other side." They chose to stop and help their "neighbor." Just maybe the Bible stories that we tell our children do make a difference! John Felch is an Eagle Scout and a couple of the other cadet heroes had some scouting experience. Maybe it was something in the words of the Scout Law: "A scout is . . . helpful, . . . kind, . . . brave, . . ." that provided the motivation to act. In any case, we are proud of these fine young men and especially our Henderson cousin, John.

Convenors

As we announced in the Spring issue, the *Beastie* is on the move. No pictures just yet, nor the odd postcard report or two, but the *Beastie* is definitely headed your way.

There is a tag around the *Beastie*'s neck with instructions about your task of introducing the *Beastie* to the

A Fond Memory of the

Cameronian, 2nd Battalion, Scottish Rifles

by Ann Henderson

It was with great interest that I read Chaplain Douglas Henderson's reference to the Scottish Rifles in his October 1996 article in *An Canach*.

On 4 September 1939 my late father, Donald John Macleod, left our house in Giffnock, Glasgow, to present himself at the recruiting office of the Highland Light Infantry, Maryhill Barracks. On being told that they were not recruiting from civilians at that time (they had a full complement of reservists), he set off for Hamilton Barracks and was accepted by the Cameronians, 2nd Battalion, Scottish Rifles. From the rank of private, he rose to become a sergeant. Three spontaneous pneumothoraxes, while in service, prevented him from being sent to Burma with his regiment. He was offered an honourable discharge at that time, but he opted to remain in the Army, received his commission with an Indian company, and saw service in North Africa, Sicily, and Italy before his death and burial in Ancona, Northern Italy, January 1945.

On 14 May 1968, while living in Cambuskenneth, Stirling, with a lump in my throat and tears in my eyes, I watched on television the disbandment of a proud regiment. Their unique quick march took them off the battlefield after 279 years of service to God and their country.

On my second trip to Scotland last year, I visited the Erskine Gift Shop and was able to purchase a limited edition of a plate commemorating the history of the regiment. This,

together with the Cameronian cap badge and his medals and Bible ("dirty") will be given to our younger son, Bruce Donald Henderson who, like his grandfather, is ready to serve his country in its hour of need. Bruce and his "little" sister Rona serve in the US Army.

My husband Jim visited the south of England, in and around Felixstowe, late last year on a business trip, and having nothing much to do at the weekends, he visited a few air-force bases (what remains of them) in East Anglia. Some of the old Eighth Air Force bases are being preserved and the volunteers who "man" these bases at weekends and holidays are very keen to preserve a fast disappearing part of their history. If any family members have something of interest, tangible or worthy of recounting, I am sure these keen volunteers would be pleased to hear from them. Jim can pass the information along to them, or some contacts are:

Mr. Colin Durrant
101, Avondale Road
Ipswich, Suffolk IP 3-9LA
England, UK.
(Tel: 0473-711275)

Contact for the 390th Bomb Group Memorial Museum, Ex United States Air Force Station 153, Framlingham. Open First Sun Mar/last Sun Oct. 11:00am/6:00pm Also open Wed. Jun/Aug. 11:00am - 4:00pm. Also open Bank Holiday

Mondays. Admission FREE

The 100th Bomb Group

Memorial Museum

Common Road

Dickleburgh, Thorpe Abbott 3

(Tel: 0379-740708)

Contact for the Bloody Hundreds' tribute to The Eighth Air Force—housed in an original WWII Control Tower. Open Sat/Sun & Bank Holidays 10:00am to 5:00pm all year. May/Sept also open on Wed.

Admission FREE

Jim found the museums interesting and the staff most enthusiastic. The members are trying to preserve this part of history that shaped the destiny of many during the '40's. The museums house rare collections of parts recovered from WW11 aircraft - Allied and German, uniforms, photographs, documents and memorabilia relevant to the U. S. 8th Air Force, the Royal Air Force and the German Lufhvaiffe. Perhaps some of the family may wish to visit this area on one of their trips to the UK.

Ann Henderson, 810 Pattee Drive,
Waupun, WI 53963

Clan and making sure that the *Beastie* is moved on to the next gathering, that a report is sent to *An Canach* so that we may track *Beastie* movements (plus photos) too, and that *Beastie* will have the opportunity to tour all regions prior to the 1998 AGM at Grandfather Mountain. We hope that many cousins get the chance to move our *Beastie* along.



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by Christi A Heston
Clan Treasurer

As you read in the last issue of An Canach, Clan Henderson is now a tax exempt organization. What will this mean for Elected Officers, Regional Commissioners, Convenors and the membership?

Dues

First and foremost the dues you pay are not deductible because you are receiving An Canach and genealogy information. Say for instance the dues you pay were higher and they more than covered what you received, then the balance after the cost of An Canach would be deductible.

Donations

Donations to the Clan in the form of cash and tangible personal property are deductible.

Unreimbursed expenses in the form of telephone, postage and copies are deductible when doing business as a clan representative. Your time spent doing this business is not and falls under "Value of Services." Postage to mail your dues payment is not deductible. These items are the easy ones to determine.

Remember that tax law is subject to interpretation. The Internal Revenue Service would like to think that the law is cut and dried, but we have found that even they are human and the laws flexible from time to time. I will first tell you what the laws are and then, I will do the best I can to try to explain what you can and cannot deduct.

1. Contributing use of property, such as a back yard pool for a Clan gathering is not deductible as it falls under the "gift-of-partial interest" rules.

2. Performing services for the Clan; for instance, I am a tax professional and I can not deduct the "Value of Services" rendered, but I would be allowed a deduction for out-of-pocket expenses (50% of meal expenses while performing services). If I were to use my car while performing services, I may deduct a

standard mileage rate of 12 cents a mile as a contribution.

3. Travel Expenses to games (this is where it becomes gray): The law states, "No charitable deduction is allowed for taxpayer travel expenses. This includes meals and lodging whether or not reimbursed, while away from home. UNLESS there is NO SIGNIFICANT ELEMENT of personal pleasure, recreation, or vacation in the travel. Even these deductions are limited to amounts necessarily incurred for meals (only 50% deductible) and lodging while away from home overnight while rendering services.

(IRS Publication 17 states the deduction for travel expenses will not be denied simply because you enjoy providing services to a charitable organization) Let us say you have a regional meeting or you must attend the AGM as a representative—in this type of situation, you can claim your travel expenses as a charitable contribution.

Let me give you an example of a deductible situation. John Henderson lives in Manassas, Virginia and is going to Convene the games in Alexandria, Virginia. He will pay the Convening fees for Clan Henderson at \$110 tent. Alexandria provides two patron tickets plus extras with the package at a value of \$75. John decides that it would be nice to provide lunch for the Clan members that attend, this costs him \$50, (50% deductible). Set up of the tent is Friday afternoon.

The Games are Saturday and Sunday and he plans on returning home each day. His travel to and from the games each day is 100 miles round trip, so his mileage deduction is 300 miles or a \$36 deduction. His total deduction for representing Clan Henderson will be \$95, which John will add to his Itemized Deductions on his Schedule A as a contribution to a charity.

Amending your previous year's tax returns is possible but there are rules that need to be followed.

Generally, you must file a claim for a refund within three years from the date your original return was filed or within two years from the date the tax was paid, whichever is later. If you file your claim within three years after the date you filed your return, the refund can not be more than the part of the tax paid within the three year before you filed the claim. If you file a claim after the three year period but within two years from the time you paid the tax, the refund cannot be more than the tax you paid within the two years immediately before you filed the claim. If you decide that amending your return is a benefit for you, please check with your tax professional before doing so.

Contributions to Clan Hendersons for \$75 or more will be substantiated with a card noting amount of contribution at the end of the tax year.

The Chief's Youth Award in one way that the Clan supports education in Scottish culture and the arts.

Each year, we ask that our youth apply to their Regional Commissioner for consideration. The commissioner forwards the application with a recommendation to the awards committee.

How hard can it be? How about an example?

"Dear Commissioner,

I am learning Scottish dancing, my teacher is Mrs. Mac.... Please consider me for the Youth Award. I visit the Henderson tent whenever I am dancing at a games."

Substitute pipes or drums or harp or athletics—and your application is half complete. You've done the hard work, now get some credit for those many hours of practice.

Celtic Scholarship Needs Your Assistance

*A Call for Donations and/or Memberships to
The Dalriada Celtic Heritage Trust
The Isle of Arran, Scotland*

by Frank MacEwen Owen

The Dalriada Celtic Heritage Trust (Clan Dalriada) is an educational organization that is based on the Isle of Arran in Scotland. As a charity organization, all of the work produced and created through Dalriada is done on a volunteer basis. In addition to four 44 page journals created quarterly, Dalriada maintains a website with some of the best scholarship available in Irish and Scottish Celtic history, folklore, culture and customs. Additionally, connected to the Dalriada journal, is *Suil nah-Iolaire* (Eye of the Eagle), a news section on all of the Celtic countries—Ireland, Scotland, Brittany, Wales, Cornwall and Nova Scotia.

As a contributing scholar to the Dalriada Celtic Heritage Trust, I am sending out a plea for any donations to support the work. All of the people who work to create all of the journals and the award winning website do the work on a volunteer basis. Monies are needed for printing costs, postage, color copying and maintaining the website.

The Dalriada Celtic Heritage Trust approached the Scottish government for an educational grant to sustain some of these activities and were declined, being told that they might have to wait another two years. Unfortunately, this might mean Dalriada will have to cease its

activities. This would be a major shame since the organization is performing a very important role in the area of preserving Celtic culture and awareness about Celtic traditions, which were eclipsed and forced under by various forces of oppression. Now the Celtic heart is beating again and it is through organizations like the Dalriada Celtic Heritage Trust that these ways are coming back.

Please send your donation in the form of an International Money Order if you can. A donation in any of the following amounts will assist greatly. Please reference your donation to 'Frank MacEwen Owen's letter/Clan Henderson.

To send donations direct, make the International Money Order to: Dalriada

Send to:

Dalriada Celtic Heritage Trust
Dun-na-Beatha, 2 Brathwic Place
Brodrick, Isle of Arran
SCOTLAND KA27 8BN

Fax with Credit Card #:
011-44-01770-302049

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Dalriada Celtic Heritage Trust in addition to your donation, a full membership with full archive access is in the amount

of £22.00 (about \$40.00). Archives are usually sent via e-mail. Members can join an on-line discussion list that deals with all aspects of Celtic culture and traditions and will receive four quarterly Dalriada journals.

Also, I have had flyers created for this fundraising effort. If you know of individuals who would be interested in giving donations and/or publicizing our effort, let me know and I will send you flyers directly.

I cannot overemphasize how unique Dalriada is. I see it as one of the only trusted sources regarding Celtic traditions and scholarship. The fact that this incredible amount of information is preserved in this compendium of writings is a jewel for those of Celtic heritage and others of varying backgrounds who are interested in history, crafts, language, folklore, earth wisdom, etc.

Celebrate your Celtic roots and support us at Dalriada.

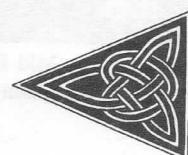
If you have any further questions about this matter, feel free to contact me directly..

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es/dalriada*



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Games, Festivals, and Gatherings



With the now-Mid East Commissioner, Lee Henderson leading the way, Chieftain Claude Henderson is flanked by President Russ Henderson and Treasurer Christi Heston as the clan goes on Walkabout

Mid South Region

Dumfries Charter Day

May 10, 1997

by Lee and Dottie Henderson

Charter Day is an annual event in Dumfries, Virginia, which was charted as a city in 1749. The town was named after Dumfries, Scotland, the hometown of John Graham, who founded the Virginia town.

The Charter Day activities began with a 5K race and commenced with a day of activities which included many activities for children, demonstrations of clog and square dancing

and a demonstration of colonial cooking by the Gunston Hall Docents Association. Clan Henderson was asked to participate because the Hendersons were influential in the development of the town.

Alexander Henderson settled in Dumfries in 1786-87. He was a merchant who had ten children, one of them being Archibald, who served as Commandant of the Marine Corps from 1820 to 1859. One of the three remaining colonial structures in the town is the Henderson House. The house is privately owned and not available to the public.

The day was cloudy and chilly and attendance seemed sparse. We had few visitors considering the size of the crowd. We visited for some time with Charles Hunter, the assistant fire chief in Dumfries and a member of Clan Donnachaidh. He even went home and put on his Hunter tartan kilt to add support for the Scottish cause!

Another visitor was a young lady named Sarah, a fifth grader at

Alexander Henderson Elementary School in Montclair. She asked us several questions about the Hendersons and Scotland for a school report she is writing. A photo of the tent with tartan banners and us in kilt and sash will apparently accompany the report. Alexander and his wife, Sarah, are buried in Montclair.

We didn't encounter any of Alexander and Archibald's descendants, nor any other Hendersons. We did meet some Campbells however, and since they seemed repentant for the past deeds of their ancestors, so we had a friendly chat.

Their daughter told us that when she was touring Scotland a few years ago, she was advised to use her friend's name instead of her own Campbell when they stayed at a B&B near Glencoe.

The Charter Day ceremonies began at 2:00 PM. By then few people were left and it began to rain, so we packed up and headed home to the Annapolis area.

35th Annual Colonial Highland Gathering

by Lee and Dottie Henderson

Fair Hill, Maryland is close to the Delaware and Pennsylvania borders, and not far from New Jersey, therefore these games get visitors from all four states. It was cool and cloudy and the day was frequented with rain showers.

None the less we were told that the games attracted 21,000 people; they had about 11,000 last year.

The games are held at the Fair Hill Race Track and had a nice event and seating area. The usual athletics, piping, drumming, dancing, and pipe band competitions were held, as well as Clydesdale and sheep-toshawl demonstrations and a few other different

events. Lots of Scottish food and fish and chips were available, as well as the old stand-bys of hot dogs and hamburgers. The usual variety of vendors were there, often they were struggling to keep their tents up in the windy and rainy conditions.

There was no parade of tartans, but we had good fellowship, renewing acquaintances and meeting members we had not yet met. Dave and Dale Armstrong and Harold Armstrong (Dave and Harold are brothers) came from New Jersey.

Barbara and Bill Henderson from Pennsylvania stopped by on their way to Washington and we signed up two new members from Delaware and Maryland. We also sent three or four brochures and applications with others who were interested for themselves or Henderson friends. Several non-Hendersons stopped by to ask questions or say hello.

These games are about an hours drive from Baltimore, and have lots

of interesting events, some different than the usual agenda. We will enjoy attending again next year for this gathering of the clan and look forward to seeing more members from this area.

Canadian Region

Georgetown Highland Games

by Paul Henderson

The Georgetown Highland Games were held in perfect weather on 16 June 1997. This is the first time

the Hendersons have had a tent set up at Georgetown and a few visitors expressed their delight in seeing us.

Brothers Darrel and Derek Henderson manned the tent with me and enjoyed talking with the folks who dropped by to chat.

The games has a large dance competition and we were pleased to note there was a Lisa Henderson competing. In the crowds and confusion we were unable to track her down but will attempt to do so at future games. We did meet the mother and grandfather of another dancer, Miss Sacrey, who dances in the Henderson tartan, her mother being born a Henderson.

Four or five Hendersons dropped by the tent and took membership applications with them. We hope to have them join us. At least three of these visitors plan to be in Fergus for the A.G.M.

Participation, Involvement, and Membership

Musings by Macian

In the cover story, President Russ noted the organization of the Clan and that the regional commissioners needed an organization within each region. He also noted that a convenor needed to develop a team for each gathering (Highland Games or Festival). He further addressed the cost of doing business in terms of paying for our tent space; however, he left out what may be the most important part.

What can be more important than volunteering and spending your own money to volunteer? Here it is, cousins. Look around! In the last issue of *An Canach*, there were forty events listed in the coming events. Some reports were submitted and processed, new applications recorded, dues received and credited, and sales transac-

tions recorded. There is no requirement for an article to be published here. It is expensive to add photographs to the pages of *An Canach*.

Let's face it, cousins, on the one hand people like to see themselves in the paper—they clip articles about the family—but they show articles with their photographs to others. It took a lot to get out to the gathering, whether with a job or without, and they smiled their best smile for the photographer. And now, nothing.

Editor Russ tells me that he can't use every picture he receives, but he will use as many as possible. Over the past year or so, there have been hesitant visitors who have become members just because the convenor mentioned their photograph might appear on the front of *An Canach*.



As I mentioned, the convenor is not required to submit an article or photographs—one of the other volunteers who is helping at the gathering may submit it. Great! Responsibility shared—that's how volunteer activities succeed.

One last note to the convenor. An article and photographs this year will help you next year when you are calling your local cousins to help you run the Clan Henderson tent. In fact your article and pictures would look good as a part of your display in the tent.

Aye,

Macian

Henderson Quest

by Stephen Clif Brown

I have completed my computer searches of the gazetteers of the United States Geological Survey and the National Atlas Information Survey of Canada. I found 1032 place names that contain a Clan Henderson surname.

There are 82 towns in the United States and Canada with Clan Henderson names:

Henderson, Morgan County, Alabama
Henderson, Pike County, Alabama
Henderson, Arkansas
Henderson, California
Henderson, Colorado
Henderson, Georgia
Henderson, Knox County, Illinois
Henderson, Macoupin County, Illinois
Henderson, Indiana
Henderson, Iowa
Henderson, Kentucky
Henderson, Louisiana
Henderson, Maryland
Henderson, Michigan
Henderson, Minnesota
Henderson, Mississippi
Henderson, Missouri
Henderson, Montana
Henderson, Nebraska
Henderson, Nevada
Henderson, New York
Henderson, North Carolina
Henderson, Ontario
Henderson, Clarion County, Pennsylvania
Henderson, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania
Henderson, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania
Henderson Grove, Illinois
Henderson Harbor, New York
Henderson Heights, Delaware
Henderson Heights, Georgia
Henderson Heights, Ohio
Henderson Mill, Florida
Henderson Park, Pennsylvania
Henderson Place, Ontario
Henderson Point, Mississippi
Henderson Settlement, New Brunswick
Henderson Springs, Tennessee

Henderson Station, Pennsylvania
Henderson Still, Georgia
Henderson Village, California
Henderson, Tennessee
Henderson, Texas
Henderson, Virginia
Henderson, West Virginia
Hendersons Beach, Saskatchewan
Hendersons Store, Virginia
Hendersonville, Massachusetts
Hendersonville, North Carolina
Hendersonville, Butler County, Pennsylvania
Hendersonville, Mercer County, Pennsylvania
Hendersonville, Washington County, Pennsylvania
Hendersonville, South Carolina
Hendersonville, Tennessee
Hendrie, Ontario
Hendrysburg, Ohio
Kendrick, Florida
Kendrick, Idaho
Kendrick, Mississippi
Kendrick, Oklahoma
Kendrick, Pennsylvania
Kendrick, Wyoming
Kendricks Corner, Vermont
Kndricktown, Missouri
Kendry, Ontario
McHenry Meadows, Maryland
McHenry Shores, Illinois
McHenry, California
McHenry, Idaho
McHenry, Illinois
McHenry, Kentucky
McHenry, Maryland
McHenry, Mississippi
McHenry, North Dakota
McHenry, Virginia
McKendree, Maryland
McKendree, Ohio
McKendree, Virginia
McKendree, West Virginia
McKendrick, New Brunswick
North Henderson, Illinois
North Henderson, North Carolina
South Henderson, North Carolina

Henderson County, Tennessee
Henderson County, Texas
Hendry County, Florida
McHenry County, Illinois
McHenry County, North Dakota

A US national park bears the name of James McHenry, the second US Secretary of War:

Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine, Maryland

Clan Henderson names are also found on:

147 rivers and streams	34 valleys
83 lakes and reservoirs	17 islands
35 mountains	17 capes
18 bays	13 springs
10 ridges	

The ten Clan Henderson surnames most commonly found in the place names of the United States and Canada are:

1. Henderson	6. Hendrie
2. Kendrick	7. McKendrick
3. McHenry	8. Henders
4. McKendree	9. Kendry
5. Hendry	10. McHendree

The eleven states and provinces with the most Clan Henderson place names are:

1. Tennessee
2. Georgia
3. Ontario
4. Alabama
5. British Columbia
6. North Carolina
7. Texas
8. Illinois
9. Kentucky
10. New Brunswick
10. Quebec

Only five states and provinces have no Clan Henderson place names:

Hawaii, New Hampshire, Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, and Rhode Island

Share what you know about these locations



Send a short history to An Canach or an e-mail to EdAnCan @ aol.com

How The Tartans Got Kirked

by Michael M. T. Henderson

Scottish-Americans who participate in the annual ritual known as the Kirkin' o' the Tartan may be interested to know that this stirring ceremony had its roots not in ancient Scotland, but in fact during World War II in Washington, DC.

My late father, Thomas S. T. Henderson (see obituary on page 9), was involved in the ceremony after the war. In the St. Andrews Society of Washington, D.C. Newsletter, No. 158, May 1980, he wrote to the editor as follows:

"As one concerned with the development of the Kirkin' o' the Tartan, I would like to confirm ... that this ceremony originated in Washington, D.C. in the year 1941, and that romantic attempts to relate it to a mythical "secret tartan-blessing" dating from the time when the tartan was proscribed in Scotland are utter nonsense. . . .

The original ceremony as introduced by Dr. Peter Marshall (whose presidential signature I am proud to have on my membership certificate) was surely an adaptation of the widespread Scottish observance known to him and to me (both native Scots) as the 'Kirkin' o' the Council.' In Scotland, the members of many if not all city and town councils attended, shortly after their election, a civic service at their parish church. At this, the new council was collectively recognized and its members publicly exhorted to perform their duties in accordance with Christian principles. The dates of our Society's observances confirm this analogy: up until 1964, new officers always took office in April, and our Kirkin' has always been held later in that month or in May. . . .

There was no Kirkin' service in 1949. . . . On 30 April 1950, when the Rev. C. Stewart McKenzie preached the sermon at his own church, Western Presbyterian, the Society's pipers ... played the pipes (in the church itself!). . . .

Towards the end of the service, a (non-Scottish) friend whom I had invited asked the unexpected but surely reasonable question, 'But when does the tartan get kirked?' Rather naturally, the questioner had expected, not merely the blessing of the Society and of its work, but at least some reference to the tartan as such. And up to that time, of course, no such reference, in either formal or symbolic terms, was part of the service.

It was this guest's question that prompted me to suggest to the then Chaplain, Dr. Daniel C. Buchanan, that it might be well to include what is now the characteristic element of the Kirkin' service—the presentation of tartans in the form of plaids, scarves, etc., with a reference to them in an accompanying prayer as symbols of Scottish values."

Two further observations on those early Kirkin's: With one exception, the Kirkin' has been held at Washington National Cathedral since 1952. Thomas G. Ferris, F.S.A. Scot., wrote in the July 1977 Newsletter of the St. Andrew's Society of Washington that it was the then Dean of the Cathedral, the Very Reverend Francis B. Sayre, Jr., who brought the bagpipes into the service along with the tartans, by inviting the Society to hold the ceremony at the Cathedral on the condition that the pipes be brought inside. The one exception was 1953, when the service was held at National Presbyterian Church in Washington, at its old site near Dupont Circle. Directly across from the front door of the church there is a statue of John Witherspoon, a signer of the Declaration of Independence of Scottish origin. It was arranged that the recently-inaugurated president, Dwight D. Eisenhower, who usually worshipped there, would place a floral wreath on the statue just after arriving for the service. It was my job to carry the wreath, a rectangular

St. Andrew's Cross almost as tall as I was at the age of 10-1/2, in the parade and to hand it to the president. The bagpipes, which had made such a stirring sound in the Cathedral the year before, were extremely loud in little National Presbyterian, but I suppose Ike bore it as stoically as the rest of us.

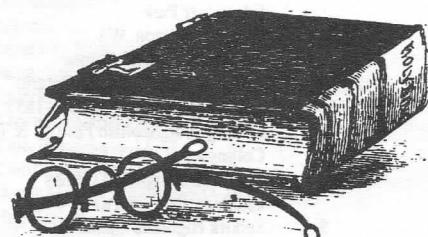
Dear Russ,

I hope you got my texts and that they fill the bill.. I have found the photos, I was looking for; there are a couple of the Kirkin' at the National Cathedral, and one of Ike placing the wreath as I flee the scene, sent on my way with a shove from the guy managing the action.

Among the photos there was a program for the "109th Anniversary Rite" of the St. Andrew's Society of Washington, in which it is asserted that "the Kirkin' o' the Tartan is an ancient rite celebrated by Scots to signify the honor with which they regard—and wear—their ancient garb."

Incredible—just a year after my father's term as president. He must have thought it was hilarious.

Michael M. T. Henderson



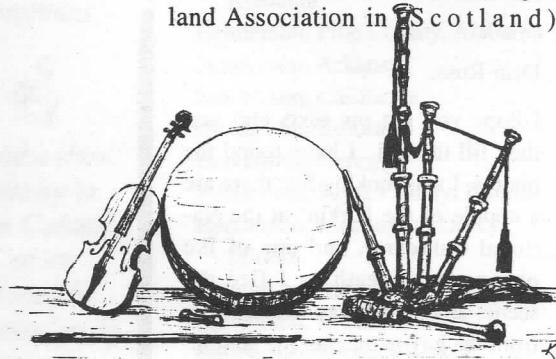
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The MUSIC of the Gàidheal

by Joan McWilliams Weise

Joanne Murray, Scottish Gold Medal Winner, to Sing at U.S. Mod in Ligonier

The 10th Annual U.S. Mod, 5 September 1997, will be the best and biggest yet, with special guests from Scotland, including Joanne Murray, a Gold Medal winner in the 1996 *Mod Naiseanta Rioghail* (Royal National Mod) in Blairgowrie. She will attend the Mod as Guest Artist, courtesy of *An Comunn Gaidhealach* (The Highland Association in Scotland)



sponsor of their National Mod, and its president, Donald John Mac Sween.

Joanne, 26, is from the Isle of Lewis in Scotland's Outer Hebrides, where she now works as a staff nurse at *Ospadal nan Eilean*, the Island's hospital in Stornoway. This will be her first visit to the U.S. National Mod, however she competed in Mod Vancouver, Canada, in 1990, where she won the Ladies' Gold Medal. She also has been to the Pan Celtic Festival in Ireland, where she placed second in the Traditional Competition.

"I love all kinds of music, from pop to opera, but my true love" is my language and heritage," Joanne says. "Nowhere else can you find music that makes you laugh and then the

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1	Canada Day
1	Embroy Highland Games Embroy, ONT, Canada
1	Eastern Sierra Games Mammoth Lakes, CA
1	Gathering of the Clans Pugwash, NS, Canada
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5	Collingwood Scottish Festival & Tattoo Collingwood, ONT, Canada
5	Round Hill Highland Games Cranbury Park, Norwalk, CT
5	Selkirk Highland Gathering Selkirk, MB Canada
5	Ft. Ticonderoga
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8	Branch Day
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12	Chatham Highland Games Tecumseh Park, Chatham, Ont Paul Henderson (905) 522-6040
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12	Celtic Heritage Fair City Hall, Warren, OH
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12-13	Caledonian Games City Park, Athena, OR
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18-20	Columbus Scottish Festival Columbus, IN Carol Maley (317) 449-8260
19	Cambridge Highland Games Cambridge, Ontario Paul Henderson (905) 522-6040
19	Derek Henderson (416) 633-1853
19	Orillia Scottish Festival Couchiching Park, Orillia, Ontario
19	Festival of the Tartans New Glasgow NS Cairns Henderson (902)429-1114
19	Glengarry Highland Games Maxville, ON
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1-2	Glengarry Highland Games Maxville, ON
2	Pipers Picnic Earltown NS Cairns Henderson (902)429-1114

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A Henderson From Ireland To Cuba

by F.J.R. Henderson

The Spanish Monarchs were always reluctant to having foreign settlers within their empire. But at the beginning of the 19th century, with the Industrial Revolution at its full tide, the Madrid Government realized that their attitude towards aliens had to change. They needed men experienced in the new technologies. Consequently, the inauguration of the first railway in Cuba in 1837 (also first railway of the entire Spanish-speaking world) had produced a considerable influx of British and Americans into the Island.

By 1857, there were, at least, five railway companies operating in Cuba. The largest and oldest one, the Caminos de Hierro de la Habana, embarked in a large expansion project that year, and among those contracted for the project, was my grandfather, Robert Henderson, a

Irtpenter, who arrived at Havana sometime between September and 10 December 1857. He was coming from Quebec, Canada where he had emigrated. Robert and his younger brother, Matthew, had left their native Ireland in the wake of the Great Famine in the early 1850s.

After a great accident at the mining site where Robert was working, the two brothers moved to the United States. While my grandfather eventually moved to and settled in Cuba, his younger brother settled in the USA, probably Philadelphia or Boston. There he married and had children.

Robert Henderson married, in 1872, a beautiful Cuban lady of Andalusian parentage, Martina Piedra. They had seven children. The four sons and their father, by that time Chief of the Carpentry Shop and Inspector of Works and Tracks, worked for the same railway concern for a total of 90 years. This railway enterprise which was founded in 1836 under the name of Caminos de Hierro de la Habana (Iron Ways of Havana), had changed its name through mergers, etc., to

Ferrocarriles Unidos de la Habana y Almacenes de Regla, Ltd. (United Railways of Havana and Regla Warehouses, Ltd.) by 1869.

My grandparents' children never forgot their civic duties, so when the Cuban War of Independence (the last phase of this war is known to Americans as the Spanish-American War) broke out, two of my uncles joined the Liberator Army. Later on, when the Republic was established, my father was among the founders of the Cuban Artillery Corps. Also, at the time of the first revolution against the first president of the Cuban Republic, both my father and his youngest brother fought for the legal government, while another brother sided with the rebels. Family gossip says that this change was produced by my uncle's promotion to captain by the revolutionary forces.

These Hendersons were law-abiding citizens who founded respectable families and educated their children properly. They also tried to help with the political and social problems of the day; they were among the founders of the Cuban Red Cross, they served as volunteer firemen, joined the Masonic Order (Scottish Rite) and some other public spirited organizations.

After the 1959 Communist Revolution in Cuba, the descendants of Robert and Martina moved and can be found in Miami, Florida, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Valencia, Venezuela, where they are still searching for peace and happiness just as their ancestors did when they decided to come to the New World.

Author's Notes:

1. It seems that the first person of the name of Henderson who ever went to Cuba was John Henderson, an Irish soldier who came to Havana with the British forces that seized that city in 1762, during the Seven Years War.
2. My grandfather resided in Havana between 1857 and 1892, when he

died. His parents were Robert Henderson and Mary Milligan also born in Ireland.

3. Another Robert Henderson, a native of the Canary Islands, Spain, the son of Robert Henderson and Ramona Gutierrez, seems to have been a resident of the same city during that period of time. He had a lawful daughter baptized at the Church of Santo Angel Custodio, Havana in 1884.
4. John Henderson, an American locomotive driver, arrived at Havana in 1858, and seems to be the same engineer who was killed in a derailment about 10 km (6 miles) outside my home town of Matanzas in the 1880s.

From an obituary in *Dublin Journal*. 2 May 1836.

On Saturday the 30th ult. in the Royal Hospital, Kilmainham (in Dublin), JOHN HENDERSON, a pensioner in that establishment. This noble old soldier completed his 106th year on the 5th day of last March. He was present at the battle of Culloden, the capture of Quebec under Wolfe, of the Havannah under Pocock, at the battle of Bunker Hill and numerous other engagements by sea and land. . . .

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2	Scottish Day Red Lodge Festival of the Nations Red Lodge, MT
2	Spokane Highland Games Interstate Fairgrounds Spokane, WA
2	Tam O'Shanter Games Stonehill College Easton, MA
2	Detroit Highland Games Greenmead Park Livonia, MI
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9	High Desert Celtic Festival Crooked River Park Prineville, OR
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The Harper

by Virginia Broussard

Orain Sidhe - The Fairy Songs - Part 2

Although the Highlanders of old usually called the fairies "good neighbors" or "duoine-sith" ("men of peace"), the Scots were wary of the fairy predilection for kidnapping mortals. Highland parents feared fairies stealing a child—and possibly leaving a changeling in his place. That changeling would soon begin to waste away and die. The Irish had a similar fear, particularly for male infants; these they dressed in girls' closing and did not name them until the tots were over a year old. To further confuse the fairies, the baby was often called "An Seanduine", the Old One. The high cradle song "Bog Braon Do'n tSeanduine" ("Warm a Drop for the Baby") alludes to this. The Scottish song "Mo Chubhrachan" especially well known on Skye, is a lament of a mother seeking her baby, who has been kidnapped by fairies. (*Chubhrachan* is a term of endearment.)

A happier tale from Barra relates how a mother retrieved her kidnapped son. The fairies had left an old fairy man in his place. Soon afterward, the mother by chance employed a tailor to work up some homemade cloth at her cottage. Left alone with the child, the tailor was surprised to see the babe reach for a yellow chanter and begin to play. The room filled with dancing fairy maidens clad in green. The tailor, of course, had to join them in their dance. The next day, the same events transpired, except that on the second day the child took on the appearance of an old man as he played the chanter. At the end of that day, the mother pressed the tailor for an explanation of his slow progress. The tailor revealed that the child was really an old fairy man. He advised her to leave the infant on a limpet-covered rock at high tide. She did so. With the fairy man's blessing on her—and his curse on the tailor—ringing in her ears, she returned home to find her natural child in his cradle.

In contrast to the kidnappings, a fairy visitor to Dunvegan Castle composed a lullaby for an infant MacLeod heir. She sang numerous verses, each with a different melody, which not only foretold the baby's future manhood but also acted as a protective charm over his life. For generations thereafter, each nurse to the MacLeod heir was required to sing the lullaby just as the fairy woman had sung it. At some point, the song was forgotten, but later it was partially recovered.

The lullaby is not the only folklore treasure of the MacLeod clan. Hundreds of years ago, a fairy woman was forced to part from her MacLeod lover on the Fairy Bridge north of Dunvegan Castle. (Some say that she was the wife of the fourth chief of the MacLeods.) She left behind a coverlet for their child. That now fragile piece of faded silk became the Fairy Flag of the MacLeods. The banner, legend claims, had the power to save the clan from destruction three times if it was waved in time of genuine crises. Twice it has saved the clan already—once during the bloody battle of Glendale (1528) against the MacDonalds of Sleat and of Clanranald and once during an attack by MacDonalds of Clanranald on a MacLeod group at worship in the church at Trumpan (1579). Modern scholars date the flag as early as the seventh century and suggest that an early Norse ancestor brought it back from the East, probably from Rhodes. In any case, the banner has been kept at Dunvegan since at least the fourteenth century.

Several clans had special tokens of fairy favor. Like the MacLeods, the MacKays also had a fairy flag given by a fairy lover. Clan Chattan had its "black chanter", a gift to a MacPherson piper by a fairy woman who loved him. The MacCrimmons of Borreraig, pipers to the MacLeods of MacLeod, received "Sionnsair Airgid Na Mna Sithe" ("The Silver Chanter of the Fairy Woman").

Indeed, separate fairy groups fueled the ongoing rivalry between the MacCrimmons and the MacArthurs of Peingowen (pipers to the MacDonalds of the Isles) by supplying reeds and even bagpipes and by endowing their favorites with the power to increase in proficiency. So keen was the competition that rival fairy groups actually came to blows. So common was the belief in fairy battles that Highlanders even pointed out the "fairy blood" which sometimes remained on rocks afterward. Actually, a particular lichen species turns yellowish-red after a frost. During a later thaw, moisture spreads outward from the lichens. Thus, the rocks appear to be bright red.

The gift of a chanter also figured in the local lore of Barra around 1910. Ninety-four year old John Campbell related how, in his grandfather's time, an old fairy man took pity on a lad who was mistreated by a stepmother. He gave the boy a set of bagpipes with the promise that, as long as he had them, the youth would always have delightful tunes to play. Not only did the young man acquire a trade, but also all his male descendants were famous pipers. The last of the line was piper to Cluny MacPherson of Cluny.

Fairy tinkering in the affairs of mortals did not stop at escalating the rivalry of the MacCrimmons and the MacArthurs. In the superstitious times of James V (sixteenth century), many believed that the Stewart king acquired power over the Highland chieftains through the influence of fairies. Earlier, during the minority of James V, many had claimed fairy machinations resulted in the assassination of the laird of the Robertsons of Struan, in retaliation for bloody outrages committed by that clan in the district of Atholl.

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30 McLain Highland Festival
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30-31 Capital District Scottish Games
 Fairgrounds, Altamont, NY

30-31 Pleasanton Games
 Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, CA
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5-7 Longs Peak Scottish Highland Festival
 Estes Park, CO
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5-7 Ligonier Highland Games
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6 Cincinnati Celtic Festival
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6 Scot's Settlement Festival
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6-7 Scottish Clans Heritage Festival
 Bethel, MO

6 King Alfred Fair
 Alfred Commons, Alfred, NY

8 Labor Day

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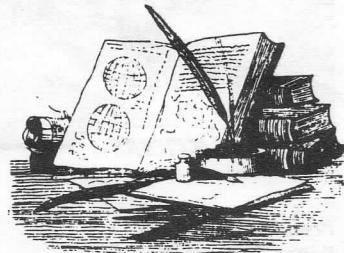
Autumn Dirge

I sit at my window and watch
Leaves falling from a tree.
Each fall, a little bit of life,
Each, a little bit of you and me.

The sky looks ominous.
Moved by an unseen hand, Leaves go scurrying by,
Close to an alien land.

O, once so joyous! So green!
Lips continually at Life's cup!
Now, alike, withered, drifting,
We wait for God to sweep us up.

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